

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING 14 YEARS OF
STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IN
BURMA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2002

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember September 18th, 1988, a day fourteen years ago that a totalitarian military regime in Burma brutally shot, stabbed, and tortured its way to control. The regime killed an estimated 10,000 innocent people who marched on the streets and called for democracy, including women, children, students, Buddhist monks, teachers and others from all walks of life.

To this day, the 50 million people of Burma still suffer gross human rights abuses. According to credible organizations including the United Nations, U.S. State Department, and Amnesty International, the Burmese regime presses millions of persons into forced labor, holds over a thousand political prisoners, and organizes systematic, mass rapes in the Shan state. Evidence shows that Burma's military regime is among the world's most brutal.

In fact, the regime is so fearful of its own people that it has established a military intelligence service to squash free thinking and prevent even the discussion of ideas like freedom and democracy. On August 17th and 18th of this year, 15 students from the Rangoon University and Rangoon Institute of Technology, all under age 21, were arrested by the regime. Thirteen were arrested simply for forming a literary study group without permission of the authorities. Two others, Thet Naung Soe and Khin Maung Win, were arrested in front of Rangoon City Hall for handing out leaflets calling for the realization of democracy. It is expected that they will be sentenced to long prison terms where they are likely to be in serious danger of torture.

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At the same time the regime has abused its own people, it has initiated an international diplomatic charm offensive to curry favor with the United States and other countries. The regime announced to the world on May 6, 2002, "We shall recommit ourselves to allowing all of our citizens to participate freely in the life of our political process."

The United States should not be fooled by false propaganda of the regime while the peo-

ple of Burma sacrifice for the freedom and democracy I believe in. The United States has always supported the struggle for freedom in Burma. Now, at this critical time, we must do all that is in our power to increase international pressure on this regime.

1991 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has courageously held together her country's freedom movement for the past 14 years, and she and the people of Burma deserve our ongoing support. Fourteen years into the struggle for freedom and Burma, I commend the courageous people of Burma who have never allowed their call for freedom to be crushed. Freedom united their cause. Courage gave it life. Tyranny tried to crush it. But to this day, hope inspires the people of Burma to continue in their struggle for democracy.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN FULLER ON
HER RETIREMENT AS THE
SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARIAN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2002

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Susan Fuller, a highly respected citizen of Santa Clara County, California, who is retiring from her position as the Santa Clara County Librarian on Thursday, September 19, 2002.

Susan Fuller has worked as a librarian for over twenty years in Santa Clara County. A graduate of the University of California at Berkeley with a Masters degree in Library and Information Science, Susan began her career as a children's librarian before moving on to management positions in the Santa Clara County and San Jose Library systems. She became the Santa Clara County Librarian in 1985.

Susan Fuller's work and leadership for public libraries have not gone unnoticed. In 1995, in recognition of her significant contributions to the Santa Clara County Library, Susan Fuller was acknowledged by the Santa Clara County Valley Chapter of the American Society for Public Administrators as the 'Outstanding Public Administrator of the Year.' In 1998, she was recognized once again as the 'Librarian of the Year' by the Library Journal honoring her remarkable work and sharp leadership skills.

Susan Fuller's dedication to her job and her community helped the Santa Clara County Library earn the title of the number one public library in America in 2000. During her seventeen years as the county librarian, Susan helped increase circulation from 2,500,000 to 8,500,000, an achievement that exemplifies not only her extraordinary leadership, but her tireless dedication to the library system.

Susan Fuller has also been a leader in addressing issues facing libraries in this technology-driven era. She has responded to the

issue of appropriate Internet use by giving countless hours of her time to speak to members of her community about children's safety on the Internet, as well as freedom of speech and access to information at libraries. Her published work on the subject includes an essay in *Managing the Internet Controversy* called "Ethics and the Internet."

Mr. Speaker, Susan Fuller is an exceptional, respected and admired community leader and friend. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this distinguished woman for all she has done for the public library system. We are a better county, a better country, and a better people because of her.

HONORING ARCHIE C. DAVIDSON

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2002

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today in honor and recognition of our dear friend Archie C. Davidson.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, Archie enlisted into the U.S. Army and served as Sergeant with the 503rd regimental combat team. Archie proudly served his country in the Pacific Theater in such hostile areas as New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and the Philippines.

Throughout his life, Archie was involved in numerous organizations including: as past president and life member of the New City Volunteer Ambulance Corps, as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, past president of the Lake Lucille Property Owners' Association and former president of the Rockland County Association of Postmasters.

Archie was extremely active in his duties as Postmaster attending crucial congressional hearings held at Bear Mountain in the 1970's that targeted ways in which to improve the U.S. Postal Service.

After retiring, Archie continued to serve his community by becoming a public school bus driver. For almost twenty years, he assisted in driving for the Clarkstown School District. Archie's legacy will live on in the community of Clarkstown and will long be remembered by the people of the 20th District of New York.

As we mark the passing of Archie C. Davidson let us remember his commitments and let his legacy and accomplishments live through his family. His legacy continues with his four children, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

TRIBUTE TO LELAND HAWES

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Leland Hawes, a respected journalist

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